

Truckers Update--Important: See Coutts

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Bottom Line / Summary:

Coutts

- As of 0900 ET, the region reports that during the evening of February 14, the RCMP advised that they have been able to move the trucks out of the way (to the side of the highway) and that lanes are open northbound and southbound on Highway 4.
- **The RCMP is expected to advise that the CBSA may resume services at the Coutts POE later this morning (ETA is 09:00 MT). The CBSA is prepared to resume services when advised and will issue a Border Alert to clients and stakeholders advising of the resumption of services.**

Emerson

- As of 0900 ET, blockade remains in place. RCMP have indicated there was a reduction in vehicles at the protest blockade site. Traffic volumes are very low.
- Commercial vehicles are being returned to the US and some passenger vehicles released through secondary roads.

Pacific Highway

- No changes reported as of 0800 ET. As of 0837 ET, the CBSA issued a Border Alert to advise that operations had resumed. As of 0910 ET, no BWT reported.

Ambassador Bridge, SOR

- As of 10:00 ET, no issues to report and no border wait times.
- There have been 44 arrests made by Police, with a total of 88 charges laid. 37 vehicles have been removed from area. (Windsor EOC)
- SOR reports the hardening of Huron Church Road Corridor by Police continues (2/3 complete) with potential for EC Row Expressway exit onto Huron Church Road to open later today. The quick reaction team remains in the area to respond to any protests that materialize.

Blue Water Bridge

- As of 0800 ET, SOR reports that the convoy on Highway 402 was resolved overnight. Highway 402 is now open in both directions. As of 0914 ET, no delays reported.

Protest Events

ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED
· Windsor – Ambassador Bridge – South of POE · Emerson – North of POE · Coutts – North of POE · Pacific Highway – North of POE · Paterson – North of POE Overseas · New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests · Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests	<u>Feb 14-15</u> · Surrey BC (Departing Feb 14, arriving in Surrey Feb 15) <u>Feb 17 or 18</u> · North Portal (17 or 18 Feb) <u>February 19</u> · Lacolle, QUE · Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21) USA · Rally at Coachella Valley in Indio, CA for March 4-5, Followed by a ‘freedom’ convoy (route unknown)

Enhanced Vigilance Examinations:

As of 0600 ET, no new Enhance Vigilance Examination were reported.

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3			Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1		1	U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa.

						Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2		2		Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
Total	17	31	22	5	4	

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 14, 2022, 1330 ET the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure remains low.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- No impact to operations reported

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

- No impacts to CBSA operations reported

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 0800 ET, SOR reports the hardening of Huron Church Road Corridor continues (2/3 complete) with potential for EC Row Expressway exit onto Huron Church Road to open later today.
- Northbound Huron Church Road will be for US bound traffic only. Ambassador Bridge management informed that this may result in increased requests for a turn-around at the Duty Free store.
- There was talk last evening about protesters trying to block law enforcement in on Industrial Drive; however, nothing further to report as of 0800 ET.
- As per Windsor Emergency Operation Center (EOC):
 - o There have been 44 arrests, with a total of 88 charges laid. 37 vehicles have been removed from the area.
 - o There has been a large messaging push to the public regarding what streets are open and closed. Maps have been distributed. The response has been mostly positive, but some local residents are starting to complain about the impact on travel around the city

- o There is some talk about protesters trying to block law enforcement in on Industrial Drive.

Blue Water Bridge

- As of 0800 ET, SOR reports that the convoy on Highway 402 was resolved overnight. Highway 402 is now open in both directions.
- As of 0800 ET, BWB reports all 7 MPIL are staffed and operational. No wait times reported.
- As of 0813 ET, Transport Canada reports that the Highway 402 westbound between Nauvoo Rd and Forest Rd has reopened. The protesters left the location.

Peace Bridge

- As of 0600 ET, No delay at Peace Bridge Commercial.
- There are no protesters or any protest activity observed in the areas surrounding the Fort Erie or Niagara District ports of entry.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Emerson

- As of 0900 ET, blockade remains in place. RCMP have indicated there was a reduction in vehicles at the protest blockade site. Traffic volumes are very low.
- Commercial vehicles are being returned to the US and some passenger vehicles released through secondary roads.
- Livestock trucks have been allowed to go south at Pembina, but the protesters have held them up for approx. 30 minutes before allowing them south

Coutts

- During the evening of February 14, the RCMP advised that they have been able to move the trucks out of the way (to the side of the highway) and that lanes are open northbound and southbound on Highway 4.
- The tractors and trucks that had been blocking the highway have been removed from the highway and police have moved in to hold the intersection of the highway previously held by the protestors. Preliminary reports received are that vehicles are leaving the blockade sites.
- The RCMP is expected to advise that the CBSA may resume services at the Coutts POE later this morning (ETA is 09:00 MT). The CBSA is prepared to resume services when advised and will issue a Border Alert to clients and stakeholders advising of the resumption of services.

PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Pacific Highway

- Feb 14: At approximately 2035 PT, the RCMP executed an operational plan to address the protestors that had gathered between 2nd & 4th Avenue on 176th St.

- At 2350 PT, the RCMP advised the CBSA that 176th northbound and southbound were clear and open for resumption of traffic
- Executive Director apprised of situation, USCBP watch commander was immediately notified
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) was contact to update US signage can and reflect the change in status at PAC HWY.
- By 0020 PT, trucks were already crossing northbound/southbound and business had resumed
- Unknown how many total arrests were made, but could observe a steady stream of protestors being escorted to awaiting police vehicles. All vehicles that were blocking roadway in several locations have dispersed.
- As of 0300 PT, a small group of protestors (10-12) who moved to sidewalk and business complex remained.
- RCMP monitoring the convoy expected to arrive in Surrey from Prince George on Feb 15 and possible events on the 19th at Pac Hwy and Osooyos. Regional intelligence remains engaged.

Paterson

- As of 0900 ET, 8 vehicles and 9 people present. One lane is open and traffic is still able to move in both directions. Vehicles have been moved to one side of the highway to create additional room for vehicles to pass.

Law Enforcement Engagement

POE Name	Province	Priority POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes
Cornwall	ON	Yes	Yes		Cornwall Police	Yes
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes		Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes
St-Armand/Philipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes
St-Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes
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OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

- <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trudeau-protest-canada-emergency-powers-freedom-convoy/>
- Some leaders of the Ottawa truck convoy held a press conference on 14 Feb with some mainstream media present. Referring to the weapons seized in Coutts, CTV News correspondent Glen McGregor asked if any of the Ottawa protesters have weapons or such equipment in their trailers, which was then followed by shouts of 'Lies' by protesters in attendance, abruptly ending the press conference. [Link](#)

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